c. s. c. you have a letter to us from one of our Agents on these Subjects or can give us the necessary Information we cannot help expressing our surprize that you have not long ago done it and hope that you will immediately on receipt of this acquaint us with all that you know on the Subject and also transmit such letters as you may have to us.

> M^r Joseph Handy. Octr 11th 1776

Original.

[Lux and Bowly to Council.]

Baltimore 11 October 1776 Gentlemen. We are favor'd with your letter of the 5th Inst

Mr Stewart is now here and we are making some cordage for him, and hope to accomplish the whole order in time for your vessells. We are well assured that we can furnish you on a greater certainty than any body else, and mean to do it, but wee will not contract to deliver it to a certain day, the vessells now furnishing must be compleated. We propose waiting on you some day next week either Tuesday or Wednesday. In We are most respectfully Gent. the mean time,

Your obliged obed Servt Lux & Bowly.

Original.

[Lux to Council.]

Baltimore 11 October 1776

Gentlemen. The Privateer Harlequin being now ready to sail and Capt Benji Handey appointed commander, he now waits on you to obtain a new commission, the former one being in the name of Capt W^m Wolsey, and he being now on the Eastern Shore we cannot procure it to return to you, but we hereby engage and pledge our Honors that it shall be returned immediately on his geting here, hoping you will not on that acct detain our vessell, as she is now rather late for the Jamaica Fleet, some of which we flatter ourselves with bringing in.

I am in behalf of the concern Gentⁿ your mot obedt Serv^t Will^m Lux.

C. S. J.

Saturday Octr 12th 1776.

Council met. Present as on yesterday.

Ordered That Western shore Treasurer pay James Tilghman Esqr for use of John Perry fifteen Pounds for one month's Pay.

Copy of Letter Nº 212 was sent to the several recruiting

Capts under the late Convention Resolve.